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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 29, 2005, Applicant respectfully elects for further prosecution the claims of Group I, namely Claims 1-7. The remaining claims are hereby withdrawn, although Applicant reserves the right to future prosecution.

Should the Examiner have any questions concerning this response, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (408) 982-8203.

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